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What is claimed is:

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1. A method for managing membership of nodes in a computer network cluster, the method comprising:
5 interfacing a shareable storage device to a network cluster; and
 granting membership in the network cluster to a node if the node has access to the shareable storage device.
 2. The method of Claim 1 further comprising:
10 revoking membership of the node in the computer network cluster if the node ceases to have access to the shareable storage device.
 3. The method of Claim 2 further comprising:
 ceasing operation of the cluster if no node has access to the shareable storage device.
 4. A system for managing membership of nodes in a computer network cluster,
15 comprising:
 a network infrastructure for supporting a plurality of nodes in a computer network;
 a storage device separated from the network infrastructure and
 interconnectable to a plurality of nodes;
20 a node interconnected with the storage device; and
 a manager mechanism to grant membership in the network cluster to the node based on the node having access to the storage device.

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5. A computer program product for managing membership of nodes in a computer network cluster, the computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable code thereon, including program code which:
- interfaces a shareable storage device to a network cluster; and
 - grants membership in the network cluster to a node if the node has access to the shareable storage device.

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